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SUMMARY: THE SITUATION IN KIANGSU IS APPARENTLY TURBULENT.
FACTION UNREST AND DISORDER MAY BE THE CAUSE OF THE HEIGHTENED
CONCERN.
END SUMMARY

1. THE KIANGSU PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE HAS NOTED SERIOUS
PROBLEMS IN PARTY RANKS AND IN THE PROVINCES AS A WHOLE. ECHOING
STATEMENTS MADE EARLIER BY NEIGHBORING HUNAN AND CHEKIANG , A
JULY 9 KIANGSU RADIO BROADCAST OF A RECENT PARTY MEETING REFERRED
TO THE STRUGGLE "IN KIANGSU" AND THE "CRIMES PERPETRATED BY LIN
PIAO AND HIS SWORN FOLLOWERS IN THE PROVINCES". THE BROADCAST
LINKED THIS IMPLICITLY WITH THE INTERNAL PARTY PROBLEMS
ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE PEKING JULY 1 EDITORIAL (REF A). "IT IS
NECESSARY", THE BROADCAST SAID, " TO WAGE AN ACTIVE STRUGGLE
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INSIDE PARTY COMMITTEES FOR THE CORRECT LINE AND AGAINST THE

ERRONEOUS LINE, AND FOR CORRECT IDEAS AND AGAINST MISTAKEN IDEAS; TO ACHIEVE UNITY IN THINKING BY THE LEADERSHIP..."

2. EARLIER OBSERVER REPORTS FROM KIANGSU MENTIONED WIDESPREAD POSTER ATTACKS ON ITS CURRENT AND PAST LEADERSHIP (REF B). A CALL MADE IN THE REPORT OF THE PARTY MEETING TO "REMOVE ALL OBSTACLES AND OVERCOME ALL INTERFERENCE" IN CARRYING OUT THE CENTRAL INSTRUCTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THAT KIANGSU DIVISIONS HAVE NOT HEALED. POSSIBLE FURTHER INDICATION OF DIVISION AT THE TOP, WAS THE BROAD RANGE OF NON-PARTY ATTENDEES AT THE MEETING AND FAILURE TO NAME THE CHIEF SPEAKER.

3. ALLUDING TO DISORDERS AND GENERAL PROBLEMS IN THE PROVINCES, THE PARTY REPORT NOTED THE NEED "TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC SECURITY" BUT WENT BEYOND THE STANDARD REFERENCE TO A "HANDFUL OF CLASS ENEMIES " WHO SABOTAGE THE MOVEMENT BY ADDING SEVERAL SPECIFIC CATEGORIES OF CRIMINALS AND HOLLIGAN GANGS. IT ALSO CALLED FOR BRINGING INTO PLAY THE ROLE OF THE "DICTATORSHIP ORGANS" (COURTS AND PUBLIC SECURITY ELEMENTS) AND "MILITIA ORGANIZATIONS".

4. COMMENT. THE KIANGSU SCENE IS APPARENTLY TURBULENT AND INTERNAL PARTY BICKERING ADDS A NEW WRINKLE TO THE DEBATE. THE MENTION OF PUBLIC SECURITY ACTIVITY IS STRIKING FOR ITS RARITY IN THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN. KIANGSU APPEALS FOR EFFORTS TO EXERT CONTROL OVER LAWLESS ELEMENTS WHO HAVE SABOTAGED SOCIAL ORDER MAY INDICATE THAT THE SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED TO A POINT OF SERIOUS CONCERN. THE FAILURE OF PROVINCIAL PARTY LEADERS TO STEP FORWARD, AT LEAST BY NAME AND RANK, COULD INDICATE THAT THEY FEEL THE CONSENSUS FOR THEIR OWN POSITIONS IS ALSO QUESTIONABLE. CROSS

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